

APPENDIX

This appendix contains listings for functions and data structures in C programming language, for use in a rover in an embodiment of the invention such as described above. The functions typical would be periodically executed in a
 5 rover to check any alert conditions of entries in a proximity queue and update the proximity queue to remove expired entries.

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10  /*****
    /* prx_alrt.c
    /* Function calls for proximity alert monitoring in the
    /* rover.
    /* S Taylor, @Road Inc.
    *****/

15  #include "rover_ds.h"

    #define D_HYSTERESIS (float) 0.2 // 10% either side hysteresis
                                     // for points tripping in either
                                     // direction
20  #define TRIP_HYSTERESIS_TIME 120 // seconds

    /*****
    // Function to check for tripping of entries in the ordered
    // proximity queue, and deleting any expired points. This
    // function would typically be called every 10 seconds
    *****/
    void check_ordered_proximity(long current_lat, long current_lon,
    30     ULONG current_time){

        t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;
        short need_resort;

35         need_resort = 0; // assume we don't need to resort the queue
        p_entry = ordered_proximity_queue; // point at head of queue

        // first check for empty queue
        if(p_entry->tag_id){
            // check the head of the queue to see if it was tripped
            // see listing below for check_point_tripped function
40         if(check_point_tripped(p_entry, current_time)){
                need_resort = 1;
            }

45         // check the remainder of the queue to see if any points
            // have time expired
            for(i=1; i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q; i++){
                p_entry = &ordered_proximity_queue[i];
                // check for time expiry of point
50         if((p_entry->tag_id) &&
                    (p_entry->expiry_time < current_time)){
                    // delete point (set to all zero)
                    memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
                    need_resort = 1;
55         }
            }

        if(need_resort){ // resort the queue
            // sort by E.T.A. (smallest ETA at top of list),

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        // placing empty entries at end of queue.
        sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue);
    }
}

5  }

/*****
// Function to check for tripping of entries in the unordered
// proximity queue, and deleting any expired points. This
10 // function would typically be called every 30 seconds
*****/
void check_unordered_proximity(long current_lat, long_current_lon,
    ULONG current_time){

15  t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

    // go through all points in queue checking for trip
    for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &unordered_proximity_queue[i];    // point at entry
20        // check for empty entry
        if(p_entry->tag_id){
            // see listing below for check_point_trippped function
            check_point_trippped(p_entry, current_time); // check entry
25        }
    }

/*****
// Function to check data in a point, and add to the
// appropriate queue, resorting if necessary.
// Returns 0 if successful, 1 if point bad, -1 if queue full
30 *****/
short add_new_point(t_proximity_Q_entry *pnew_entry,
    ULONG current_time){

35  short return_val;
  t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

    return_val = 0;

40    // check that expiry time has not already been met,
    // that non-zero tag_id was assigned and that
    // will trip on at least one day
    if( (pnew_entry->expiry_time < current_time) ||
45    (pnew_entry->tag_id == 0) || (pnew_entry->days_to_trip == 0) ){
        printf("Attempt to add expired/null tag entry to prox Q\n");
        return(1); // point data was bad
    }

50    // Also need to check for duplicate tag_id :
    // especially if resynchronizing with server
    // If duplicate is found then delete it.
    for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
55        // identical tag_id indicates duplicate point
        if( (p_entry->tag_id == pnew_entry->tag_id) ){
            // delete existing entry
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
60        }
    }

    for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
        // identical tag_id indicates duplicate point
65        if( (p_entry->tag_id == pnew_entry->tag_id) ){
            // delete existing entry
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        }
    }
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    }

    // Now determine which queue entry must be added to
    // if trip_when_head is set then add to the ordered Q
5    // so that point is only monitored when head of queue.
    // if trip_when_head == 0 then add to unordered queue
    // for constant monitoring.
    if(pnew_entry->trip_when_head){

10        // add entry to ordered queue
        for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
            if(p_entry->tag_id){ // queue entry is in-use
                continue;
15            } else {
                // add entry to the queue
                memcpy(p_entry, pnew_entry, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
                // resort the queue
                sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue);
20            }
            return(0); // success
        }
    }

    } else {
25        // add entry to unordered queue
        for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
            if(p_entry->tag_id){ // queue entry is in-use
                continue;
30            } else {
                // add entry to the queue
                memcpy(p_entry, pnew_entry, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
                return(0); // success
            }
        }
35    }
    }
    return(-1); // indicate queue was full
}

40 /*****
// Function to find a point in one of the queues and
// delete it. Allows server to delete points for
// whatever reason. Zero tag id indicates delete all points.
// Returns 0 if successful, 1 if point not found
45 /*****/
short delete_existing_point(ULONG match_tag_id){

    short return_val;
    t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

50    return_val = 1; // assume failure
    // this flag allows server to specify deletion of
    // all proximity points from both queues
    if(match_tag_id == 0){
55        memset(ordered_proximity_queue, 0x00,
            SIZE_ORDERED_PROX_Q*sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry) );
        memset(unordered_proximity_queue, 0x00,
            SIZE_UNORDERED_PROX_Q*sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry) );
        return_val = 0;
60    }

    // else find point in either queue : if found then delete
    else {
65        for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
            // if queue entry is in-use
            if(p_entry->tag_id == match_tag_id){
                // delete entry from the queue
            }
        }
    }
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        memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue); // sort by ETA
        return_val = 0;
        break;
5      }
    }
    if(return_val){
        for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
10          // if queue entry is in-use
            if(p_entry->tag_id == match_tag_id){
                // delete entry from the queue
                memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
                return_val = 0;
15          break;
            }
        }
    }
    return(return_val);
20 }

/*****
25 // Function to check whether point is tripped/expired.
// If point is deleted then non-zero is returned, otherwise
// function returns zero.
*****/
short check_point_tripped(t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry,
30     ULONG current_time){
    ULONG distance = 0; // records current distance
    ULONG inner_radius, outer_radius; // used to implement hysteresis
    short return_val; // 1 if point was deleted
    short point_tripped; // 1 if point is tripped
35
    return_val = 0;
    point_tripped = 0;

    // check for time expiry of point
40    if(p_entry->expiry_time < current_time){
        // delete point (set to all zero)
        memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        return(1);
    }

45    // Next check that it is a sufficiently long time since the
    // point was last tripped
    if ((current_time - p_entry->time_last_tripped) <
        TRIP_HYSTERESIS_TIME ){
50        // still within hysteresis time : just return
        return(0);
    }

55    // If you get to here then need to check for tripping of point

    // calculate current distance from point
    distance = calculate_distance( current_lat, current_lon,
        p_entry->center_lat, p_entry->center_lon);

60    // allow a %age hysteresis where delete_when_tripped == 0
    // to prevent multiple rapid alerts for rover moving
    // tangentially to radius.
    if( delete_when_tripped == 0x00 ){
        inner_radius = p_entry->radius * ( 1 - D_HYSTERESIS/2);
65        outer_radius = p_entry->radius * ( 1 + D_HYSTERESIS/2);
    } else {
        // use unadultered value if point will be deleted when tripped
        inner_radius = p_entry->radius;
    }
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        outer_radius = p_entry->radius;
    }

    // look for perimeter being traversed by an approaching
    // rover. The previous cross of the perimeter must have
    // been in the opposite direction (to add hysteresis).
    if( (distance < inner_radius) &&    // current dist < radius
        ( p_entry->direction_last_crossed == RECEDING) ||
        (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == NOT_YET_CROSSED) ) ){
        // record that the perimeter has been broken in this direction
        // this is used for future hysteresis calculations
        p_entry->direction_last_crossed = APPROACHING;

        // check if entry is activated by traverse in this direction
        if(p_entry->trip_direction & APPROACHING)
            point_tripped = 1;
    } else

        // look for perimeter being traversed by a receding
        // rover. The previous cross of the perimeter must have
        // been in the opposite direction (to add hysteresis)
        if( (distance > inner_radius) &&    // current dist > radius
            ( p_entry->direction_last_crossed == APPROACHING) ||
            (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == NOT_YET_CROSSED) ) ){
            // record that the perimeter has been broken in this direction
            // this is used for future hysteresis calculations
            p_entry->direction_last_crossed = RECEDING;

            // check if entry is activated by traverse in this direction
            if(p_entry->trip_direction & RECEDING)
                point_tripped = 1;
        }

        //check for tripping of point
        if(point_tripped){
            tx_prox_alert(p_entry->tag_id); // transmit alert to server

            // check if point must be deleted
            if(delete_when_tripped){
                memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry)); // kill
                return_val = 1; // so that calling function can resort
            }
        }

        return(return_val);
    }

    /*****
    /* rover_ds.h
    /* Datastructure definitions for the rover for proximity
    /* alert indications.
    /* S Taylor, @Road Inc.
    *****/

    typedef unsigned long ULONG; // 32 bit unsigned integer
    typedef unsigned short WORD; // 16 bit unsigned integer
    typedef unsigned char BYTE; // 8 bit unsigned integer

    // Bit patterns for days_to_trip field
    #define BP_SUNDAY 0x01
    #define BP_MONDAY 0x02
    #define BP_TUESDAY 0x04
    #define BP_WEDNESDAY 0x08
    #define BP_THURSDAY 0x10

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#define BP_FRIDAY    0x20
#define BP_SATURDAY 0x40

// Bit patterns for direction variables
5  #define APPROACHING 0x01
   #define RECEDING   0x02
   #define NOT_YET_CROSSED 0x00

/***** Proximity queue entry *****/
10 // Examples of field combinations for typical applications :
   //
   // For home / warehouse delivery :
   //   center_lat, lon = destination
   //   expiry_time = end of today
15 //   radius = 1-10 miles (in meters)
   //   estimated_time_arrival = set by dispatcher reflects delivery order.
   //   delete_when_tripped = 1
   //   trip_when_head = 1
   //   trip_direction = APPROACHING
20 //   Days to trip = either set to today, or to 0xFF
   //   Description = customer name, address, order number
   //
   // For stolen vehicle alarm : (vehicle in normal use Mon-Fri)
   //   center_lat, lon = truck depot
25 //   expiry_time = 0xFFFFFFFF
   //   radius = X miles (in meters)
   //   estimated_time_arrival = N/A since trip_when_head = 0
   //   delete_when_tripped = 0
   //   trip_when_head = 0 always trip
30 //   trip_direction = 0x02 when receding, or 0x03 either direction
   //   Days to trip = 0x41 (binary) 01000001 (Sat and Sun)
   //   Description = Stolen vehicle alarm (threshold distance + days)
   //
35 // When downloading points from the server to the rover the data
   // packet must give a value for each of these fields. It is expected
   // that the data structure in the server is a superset of the
   // information in the data structure presented here.
   // The server would store all information below, and would additionally
   // store the contact information for the alert, whether, e-mail,
40 // telephone call, of page etc. The server could additionally link
   // this data to a database of customer orders, the format of which is
   // beyond the scope of this file.
   //
45 typedef struct proximity_Q_entry{
   ULONG tag_id; // uniquely identifies an alert : 0 equals empty Q
entry
   char description[SZ_PRX_TXT]; // for use of the driver
   long center_lat; // latitude of destination in MAS
50   long center_lon; // longitude of destination in MAS
   ULONG radius; // radius of trip in meters
   // all times in seconds, relative to 0/0/97
   ULONG estimated_time_arrival; // used for sorting points in queue
   ULONG expiry_time; // point is deleted at this time
55   BYTE delete_when_tripped; // if 1 then point is deleted when tripped
   // if 0 then point deleted at expiry time
only
   BYTE trip_when_head; // if 1 then point is only tripped when top of
queue
60   BYTE trip_direction; // if 0 then point is tripped whenever crossed
   // 0x01 : trip when rover is approaching
   // 0x02 : trip when rover is receding
   // 0x03 : trip in both directions
   BYTE days_to_trip; // bit field for 7 days of week, Sun-Sat
65
   // These final fields are not be downloaded from the server.
   // They are used locally in the rover to generate hysteresis
   // to prevent multiple trips on a point in rapid succession.

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